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1. WE DISCUSSED WITH MFA OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF CENTRAL AND
SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS (VAN VLIET) WHETHER THE TWO RECENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF DUTCH ASSISTANCE TO NAMIBIA AND TO REFUGEES
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (REFTELS) REPRESENT A NEW POLICY DIRECTION
AND/OR A DECISION TO STEP UP SUCH ASSISTANCE. VAN VLIET SAID
THAT THE DECISIONS DO NOT IN FACT REFLECT ANY CHANGE IN DUTCH
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POLICY AND IT WAS ONLY A COINCIDENCE THAT THE TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS
WERE MADE IN THE SAME WEEK. HOWEVER, THE DECISION REGARDING AID
TO NAMIBIA RESULTED FROM A RECENT VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS BY
MR. AHTISSARI, THE FINNISH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS
COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. AHTISSARI HAD RECENTLY ALSO BEEN TO THE
SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES ON A FUND RAISING MISSION AND HE TOLD
THE DUTCH THAT THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS THERE HAD BEEN VERY

SATISFACTORY.

2. VAN VLIET WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT, BECAUSE THE DUTCH DO NOT REGARD SOUTH AFRICA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IN NAMIBIA AND BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER BODY WHICH EXERCISES SOVEREIGNTY, AS A MATTER OF PRACTICAL POLICY THEY HAVE COME TO DEAL WITH THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AS AN INTERIM REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY. THE DUTCH WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN SUPPORT FOR THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT WHILE SOME ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO CHANNEL ALL THEIR AID TO SWAPO. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT SWAPO IS NOT THE ONLY AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, ALTHOUGH IT IS AN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION, AND THAT OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD BE INVOLVED AS WELL. IT WAS FOR THAT REASON THAT THE GON DECIDED TO MAKE THE CONTRIBUTION OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE UNITED NATIONS BODY. THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF WILL DECIDE HOW TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS BUT THAT DECISION, ACCORDING TO AHTISSARI, CAN BE MADE ONLY AFTER FINAL WORD IS RECEIVED REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS. ANOTHER REASON FOR CHOOSING AHTISSARI'S GROUP, ACCORDING TO VAN FLIET, WAS THE DESIRE NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA; THE GON SUPPORTS THESE ACTIVITIES FULLY AS A MATTER OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.

3. REGARDING THE AID TO REFUGEES, WE NOTED THAT IN 1977 THE
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NETHERLANDS HAD CONTRIBUTED 2.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ASKED WHY THE DECISION HAD BEEN MADE THIS YEAR TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS. VAN VLIET SAID THAT THE DUTCH DECIDED TO MAKE THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICRC BECAUSE IT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED DUTCH ASSISTANCE AND BECAUSE THE DUTCH KNOW THAT THE ICRC HAS ACCESS TO THOSE REFUGEES WHO ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. THIS DECISION DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES WILL BE MADE THIS YEAR TO THE UNHCR, WHICH IN THE DUTCH VIEW CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IS USEFUL IN CERTAIN CASES THERE; THE DUTCH CONTINUE TO SUPPORT UNHCR ACTIVITIES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.
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